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Stamford, Vt. Town Officers

TOWN CLERK

E. D. Bishop

MODERATOR

R. J. Sanford

TOWN CONSTABLE

Eugene Sumner

TOWN TREASURER

E. D. Bishop

ROAD COMMISSIONER

R. L. Jepson, 1925

TOWN AGENT

A. W. Willmarth

SELECTMEN

Robert Francis, 1926 R. L. Fields, 1927 F. A. Lesure, 1928

ASSESSORS

G. T. Canedy, 1926 E. C. Leroy, 1927 A. F. Jepson, 1928

SCHOOL DIRECTORS

Charles Brown, 1927
Mrs. L. Foster, 1927

Archer Ross, 1925
Mrs. R. L. Jepson, 1928

AUDITORS

C. D. Houghton A. F. Jepson E. C. Leroy

TOWN GRAND JURORS

F. S. Foster H. O. Fuller

CEMETERY TRUSTEES (Houghton Fund)

C. D. Houghton, 1925 A. W. Willmarth, 1925
R. J. Sanford, 1926

CEMETERY TRUSTEES (Millard Cemetery)

F. A. Lesure A. F. Jepson C. S. Bishop

LIBRARY TRUSTEES

Mrs. E. D. Bishop, 1924 Miss Mary Sanford, 1925
Mrs. A. B. Sanford, 1926
Mrs. G. T. Canedy, 1927 Mrs. R. J. Sanford, 1928

Selectmen's Report

Order No.		
1	Taxes abated	$ 45 80
2	To Trustees of Public Library	29 75
3	To A. F. Jepson, winter road work	5 00
4	To R. J. Sanford, for services as moderator	2 00
5	To Robert Francis, for services as selectman and state elector and labor ½ day	29 75
6	To Fred A. Lesure, for services as selectman and trustee Millard cemetery fund	17 86
7	To Robert L. Fields, for services as selectman	10 00
8	To H. M. Blood, for services as assessor	35 00
9	To George T. Canedy, for services as assessor	15 00
10	To E. C. Leroy, for services as assessor and auditor	38 00
11	To C. D. Houghton, for services as auditor	5 00
12	To A. F. Jepson, for services as auditor	3 00
13	To A. E. Dunn, for winter road work	10 50
14	To Charles S. Chase, services as attorney at law, Brattleboro	15 00
15	To Hoosac Lumber Mills, for winter road work	55 00
16	To Warren J. Crawley, for printing town report	44 00
17	To Fred Tatro, winter road work	2 00
18	To Charles Bishop, winter road work	2 00

19	To Tuttle Printing Co., for selectmen's book and bond blanks	$ 1 05
20	To Harvey A. Gallup, for town treasurer's bond	25 00
21	To Safe Cabinet Co., for one safe	25 60
22	To Charles Dolle, winter road work	6 30
23	To C. A. Ballard, winter road work	8 50
24	To Martha A. Reed, int. on No. 65, due Feb. 1, 1925	33 75
25	To Charles Slade, winter road work	2 50
26	To Mary L. Sanford, int. on No. 73, due April 25, 1925	40 50
27	To E. D. Bishop, janitor work town hall	20 00
28	To A. B. Sanford, for plan for Houghton Cemetery	15 00
29	To John B. Knapp, sawing lumber for bridges, 3,841 feet	38 41
30	To Safe Cabinet Co., for safe	22 40
31	To William Mausert, transportation Grand Army	15 00
32	To Anson L. Jones, labor on roads	19 45
33	To Safe Cabinet Co., one safe	22 40
34	To Robert L. Jepson, sanding roads	19 45
35	To Fred A. Lesure, labor on roads and bridges and Bennington road meeting	30 95
36	To E. Harvey, labor on roads and bridges	19 45
37	To M. Jepson, for sand for oiling roads 111 yards @ 15c per	16 65
38	To Robert L. Fields, attending road meeting	4 00
39	To Eugene Sumner, for killing dogs	7 00
40	To Joseph Kitz, trucking gravel and 22 oil tanks and 5 horse labor	91 45
41	To Peter Parent, labor on roads	5 45
42	To Lester Crosier, planks for bridges, 3,841 feet	134 43

43	To Albert Lincoln, sanding roads	$ 7 00
44	To Fred A. Lesure, labor on roads	15 95
45	To George Lesure, labor on roads	8 95
46	To Robert L. Jepson, labor on roads	8 75
47	To Ed. Harvey, labor on roads	7 00
48	To E. D. Bishop, labor on roads	28 00
49	To Alson L. Jones, labor on roads	10 50
50	To Albert Courtemanche, labor on roads	1 75
51	To Robert Francis, labor on roads and bridges and supplies	50 70
52	To Ed. R. Coulter, repairing town hall roof	46 64
52½	To the Safe Cabinet Co., one safe	22 40
53	To the Safe Cabinet Co., one safe	22 40
54	To Robert L. Sanford, insurance on library books	5 78
55	To Martha A. Reed, int. on No 65, due Sept. 1, 1925	33 75
56	To Carl Lesure, labor on new bridge	13 62
57	To Fred A. Lesure, labor on new bridge	29 56
58	To A. L. Jones, labor on bridge and team work	34 34
59	To Robert Francis, labor on logs and lumber on new bridge	37 95
60	To A. L. Jepson, team work on bridge	14 00
61	To Safe Cabinet Co., one safe	22 40
62	To A. L. Jones, labor and team work	38 65
63	To Fred A. Lesure, labor on new bridge	24 90
64	To Carl Lesure, labor on new bridge	12 45
65	To Charles Slade, labor on new bridge	10 50
66	To Robert Francis, labor on new bridge	30 34
67	To Robert L. Sanford, labor on new bridge	9 73
68	To Mrs. E. Sanford, for librarian	20 00
69	To Robert Francis, labor on new bridge	21 00
70	To Fred A. Lesure, labor on new bridge	21 00

71	To A. L. Jones, labor and team work on bridge	$ 27 89
72	To Charles Slade, labor on new bridge	21 00
73	To Albert Courtemanche, labor on new bridge	16 73
74	To A. F. Jepson, labor with team	10 50
75	To A. F. Jepson, carting beams from North Adams	10 50
76	To Charles Slade, labor on new bridge	17 50
77	To Robert Francis, labor on new bridge	31 10
78	To Fred A. Lesure, labor on new bridge	26 45
79	To A. L. Jones, labor and team work on bridge	40 15
80	To Albert Courtemanche, labor on new bridge	29 95
81	To the Safe Cabinet Co., one safe	22 40
82	To Kittredge Bridge Co., bridge material	655 55
83	To Standard Oil Co., for 14,000 gals. of road oil @ 10.3 per gal.	1,440 15
84	To Charles Slade, labor on bridge	12 45
85	To Charles Slade, labor on bridge	7 00
86	To William Henry, carpenter work on bridge	34 40
87	To Mary L. Sanford, int. on No. 73, due Oct. 25, 1925	40 50
88	To County Agriculture Association Farm Bureau	23 30
89	To Fred A. Lesure, labor on new bridge	24 54
90	To Robert Francis, labor on new bridge	30 76
91	To Arnold Foucher, labor on new bridge	3 89
92	To A. L. Jones, labor and team work on bridge	35 75
93	To Arnold Foucher, labor on new bridge	8 56
94	To Fred A. Lesure, labor on new bridge	13 46
95	To Charles Slade, labor on new bridge	7 00
96	To Charles Bishop, bolts for bridge	5 00

97	To R. J. Sanford, insurance on town hall	$ 73 03
98	To L. M. Jepson sand for new bridge	3 00
99	To Ludger Arnold, labor on new bridge	8 56
100	To Arthur Lincoln, labor on new bridge	10 11
101	To Harvey Fuller, labor on new bridge	3 50
102	To Albert LaPlant, cement mixer on new bridge	12 00
103	To Robert Francis, labor on new bridge	14 00
104	To D. J. Morrissey, trucking and supplies for new bridge	95 05
105	To Hoosac Lumber Co., lumber for new bridge	61 69
106	To Wm. McGraw, for cement for new bridge	187 86
107	To A. F. Jepson, team work on bridge	26 50
108	To the Safe Cabinet Co., one safe	22 40
109	To F. A. Lesure, labor and supplies on bridge	37 08
110	To Charles Slade, labor on bridge	10 98
111	To A. L. Jones, labor with team one day	7 00
112	To Robert Francis, labor two weeks on bridge	29 94
113	To Charles Slade, labor on bridge	6 22
114	To the Safe Cabinet Co., one safe	22 40
115	To Charles Slade, labor on bridge	7 77
116	To Welch & Grey, post and paint for bridge	32 76
117	To City of North Adams, for use of ditch pump	15 00
118	To Myra Bishop, making tax list	8 00
119	To Robert Francis, labor and lumber on bridge	40 60
120	To Fred A. Lesure, labor on bridge	11 84
121	To the Safe Cabinet Co., one safe	22 40
122	To Mrs. R. J. Sanford, librarian appro.	30 00

123	To Town Treasurer's Order		
	loans, North Adams National Bank	$6,000 00	
	int. North Adams National Bank	190 01	
	int. North Adams Savings Bank	175 50	
	stationery and postage	3 00	
	town approp. back roads	1,000 00	
	town approp. patrol system	480 00	
	town approp. state road	300 00	
	120% grand lists for schools	3,930 72	
	county tax	33 48	
	state highway tax	167 40	
	state school tax	338 85	
	electric lights	28 05	
	4% discount on taxes collected	380 28	
	1% collecting taxes	95 07	
	tax notices	4 83	
	tax book and journal paper	1 00	
	salary	15 00	
			$13,143 19
124	To Town Clerk's Order		
	attending town meeting, 1925	$ 3 00	
	recording town meeting and appointments	2 50	
	stamps and stationery	2 25	
	making deed cemetery lot	1 00	
	making abstract grand list	3 00	
	dog license blanks	3 00	
	vital statistics	1 50	
	recording town officers bonds	6 00	
			22 25
125	To C. D. Houghton, Houghton cemetery fund		34 00
Total amount of orders drawn			$18,194 97

ROBERT L. FIELDS,
F. A. LESURE } Selectmen
ROBERT FRANCIS,

Unselected Highway, 1925

1925	Order		
May 2	No. 1	N. E. Metal Culvert Co.	$ 49 40
Sept. 8	2	H. Jacobs & Sons	10 00
Oct. 17	3	Arthur Lincoln	43 75
17	4	Charlie Slade	14 00
17	5	Jepson Bros.	132 50
24	6	Charlie Slade	24 50
24	7	Arthur Lincoln	24 50
26	8	Jepson Bros.	73 20
27	9	H. O. Fuller	64 75
27	10	H. M. Blood	66 50
31	11	Charlie Slade	3 50
Nov. 10	12	A. L. Jones	7 00
14	13	Charlie Slade	10 50
19	14	Howard Goodrich	20 40
21	15	Charlie Slade	21 00
21	16	H. O. Fuller	28 00
17	17	Jepson Bros.	91 20
25	18	A. L. Jones	17 50
25	19	Arthur Lincoln	3 50
25	20	H. M. Blood	28 00
30	21	D. J. Morrissey	29 10
25	22	L. M. Jepson	2 25
			$765 05
		Balance	76
From the State $765 81			$765 81

State Road

1925	Order		
May 2	No. 1	N. E. Metal Culvert Co.	$ 32 93
June 13	2	Jepson Bros.	94 40
13	3	A. L. Jones	34 50

June	13	4	F. Lincoln & Sons	$ 52 50
	13	5	F. A Lesure	10 50
	13	6	G. T. Canedy	53 28
	13	7	P. Parent & Son	63 00
	13	8	E. D. Bishop	28 00
	13	9	Paul Beasley	7 00
	20	10	Fred Lincoln & Sons	42 00
	20	11	Paul Bissaillon	10 50
	23	12	Jepson Bros.	58 00
	30	13	A. L. Jones	28 80
	30	14	P. Parent & father	59 50
	30	15	F. Lincoln & Sons	8 75
July	6	16	G. T. Canedy	102 02
	6	17	E. D. Bishop	29 75
	6	18	Ed. Henry	7 00
	6	19	Leon Bliss	10 50
	6	20	D. J. Morrissey	23 80
	6	21	Jepson Bros.	47 85
	13	22	Joseph Kitz	87 50
Sept.	8	23	H. Jacobs & Sons	17 00
Oct.	3	24	Jepson Bros.	21 20
	12	25	F. Lincoln & Sons	17 50
	31	26	Charles Slade	7 00
Nov.	7	27	Charles Slade	14 00
Oct.	10	28	P. Parent	14 00
	10	29	A. L. Jones	34 50
	10	30	F. Lincoln & Sons	29 75
	10	31	G. T. Canedy	35 00
	10	32	M. J. Monahan	11 00
	10	33	Joe Kitz	20 00
	10	34	Albert Strope	20 00
	10	35	Robert Francis	10 00
	10	36	Geo. Sumner	6 60
Nov.	7	37	Jepson Bros.	56 60
	7	38	Joe Blacksmith	7 90

Dec. 21	39	George Estes		$ 1 00
				$1,215 13
Town appropriation		$ 300 00		
Check from State		354 88	bal.	14 91
Check 5 %		572 69		
Check		2 47		
		$1,230 04		$1,230 04

Back Roads

1925	Order		
Mar. 28	No. 1	Jepson Bros.	$ 22 05
30	2	Eugene Sumner	13 50
Apr. 10	3	Jepson Bros.	89 50
18	4	Fred Lincoln	21 00
18	5	L. H. Sherman	1 25
23	6	John Boulger	7 00
24	7	Ed. Henry	26 25
24	8	Fred Lesure	28 00
24	9	Eugene Bishop	38 50
24	10	Jepson Bros.	100 95
May 2	11	H. O. Fuller	17 50
2	12	Ed. Henry	10 50
2	13	Jepson Bros.	43 95
16	14	Jepson Bros.	28 30
19	15	Ed. Henry	3 50
June 5	16	F. A. Lesure	7 00
5	17	E. D. Bishop	36 75
5	18	Jepson Bros.	32 20
13	19	L. M. Jepson	12 15
20	20	Ed. Henry	3 50
July 7	21	Jepson Bros.	35 30
8	22	Albert D. Case	43 67
13	23	Joe Kitz	40 00
Aug. 13	24	Eugene Sumner	10 00

Sept.	8	25	D. J. Morrissey	$ 96 64
	8	26	H. Jacobs & Sons	42 50
	8	27	Lesure Bros.	30 00
	16	28	George Sumner	5 00
	16	29	Bert Cole	2 25
	23	30	Earl Crosier	7 00
	26	31	E. D. Bishop	12 25
	28	32	Charles Dolle & Sons	51 50
Oct.	3	33	Jepson Bros.	49 00
	12	34	Albert D. Case	4 00
	12	35	Arthur Lincoln	12 25
Nov.	6	36	Fred Tatro & Son	10 50
	17	37	Eugene Sumner & Sons	15 00
	25	38	W. McGraw	1 50
	25	39	Nelson Bissaillon	3 00
	25	40	John Raedel	3 00
	25	41	E. C. Leroy	3 50
	25	42	H. M. Blood	14 00
	25	43	Jepson Bros.	23 50
			Total town orders	$1,058 71

Balance from '24	$ 60 85	To balance	2 14
Town appropriation	1000 00		
	$1060 85		$1060 85

Town Treasurer's Report

TOWN ACCOUNT

1925			
Feb.	1	Balance in Treasury	$2,069 48
	3	Check from state oiling Main Road, 1924	1,154 57
		Cash for burial lot	25 00
		Hall rent	16 00
		Cash net amount dog fund	123 65

	Check from state maintenance oiling main road, 1925	$1,146 28	
	Loans from North Adams National Bank	5,000 00	
	Tax bill	9,826 80	
	Check from state "Francis bridge"	975 72	
	By amount of town orders paid		$18,177 47
1926 Feb. 1	Balance in treasury		2,160 03
		$20,337 50	$20,337 50

SCHOOL ACCOUNT

1925 Feb. 1	Rent on John Day lot, 1924-1925	$ 12 00	
	Rebate superintendent's salary 12 months	160 00	
	Advanced instruction	150 00	
	Trained teachers employed	240 00	
	Rebate current expenses	8 01	
	120 per cent of grand list	3,930 72	
	Deficit balance Feb. 1, 1925		546 03
	By amount school orders paid		4,492 41
	Deficit balance Feb. 1, 1926	537 71	
		$5,038 44	$5,038 44

ROAD ACCOUNT TOWN FUND

1925 Feb. 1	Balance in treasury	$ 60 85	
	Town appropriation	1,000 00	
	By amount of road orders paid		1,059 86
1926 Feb. 1	Balance in treasury		99
		$1,060 85	$1,060 85

ROAD PATROL

	Town appropriation	$ 480 00	
	By amount state order paid		$ 480 00
		$ 480 00	$ 480 00

STATE ROAD

1925			
Feb. 1	Balance in treasury	$ 6 65	
	Town appropriation	300 00	
	Check from state	354 88	
	Check from state	572 69	
	Check from state	2 47	
	By amount of state road orders paid		$1,208 53
1926			
Feb. 1	Balance in treasury		28 16
		$1,236 69	$1,236 69

UNSELECTED HIGHWAYS ACCOUNT

1926			
Jan. 11	Check from state	$765 81	
	By amount orders paid		765 05
1926			
Feb. 1	Balance in treasury		76
		$ 765 81	$ 765 81

E. D. BISHOP, Treasurer

Report of the School Directors

Year Ending February 1, 1926

SCHOOL FUNDS

Appropriation of 120% of grand list	$3,930 72
State rebate on superintendent's salary	160 00

State rebate for advanced instruction	$ 150 00
State rebate for trained teachers employed	240 00
State rebate on current expenses	8 01
Rent on John Day lot (2 yrs.)	12 00
Total fund	$4,500 73

DISBURSEMENTS

CENTER SCHOOL

Kathryn Brown, for teaching grammar room 15 weeks, 4 days	$ 395 00
Mrs. Stella Pratt, for teaching primary room 16 weeks	400 00
Lucy B. Foster, for substituting 1 day	5 00
Marilla Howard, for teaching grammar room for 18 weeks	468 00
Mrs. Stella Pratt, for teaching primary room for 18 weeks	468 00
Gordon Lesure, for janitor work for 38 weeks	95 00
Harry M. Blood, for 12 cords of wood	84 00
James M. Lee, for cutting 12 cords wood and putting it in basement	21 60
Frank E. Bishop, for putting grates in furnace	6 00
Houghton Mifflin Co., for set of books (The Children's Hour)	34 00
The Larkin Print, for diplomas and programs for graduation	9 35
Fred S. Foster, for truant work	50
Mrs. A. B. Sanford, for cleaning	10 00
D. Appleton & Co., for books for 9th grade	9 00
Stafford Slade, for cleaning 2 clocks	3 00
Porter & Hadfield Co., for grates for furnace	20 55
John Knapp, for kindling	5 00
Frank E. Bishop, for putting new grates in furnace	2 00
E. D. Bishop, for cleaning furnace pipes	1 00
	$2,037 00

NORTH SCHOOL

Florence Lyons, for teaching 14 weeks	$ 322 00
Mae I. Carpenter, for teaching 18 weeks	432 00
Florence Lyons, for janitor work	15 00
R. J. Sanford, for insurance	6 08
Francis Strope, for wood and labor	18 00
Mrs. W. A. Thomas, for cleaning	5 00
A. G. Strope, for kindling wood	5 00
Ginn & Co., for reading chart	10 07
	$ 813 15

SUMMIT SCHOOL

Mrs. Harry Oakes, for teaching 8 weeks	$ 200 00
C. W. Taylor, for teaching 4 days	17 60
Wm. E. Moore, for teaching 9 weeks 3 days	230 40
John Hinkell, for 5 months rent	85 00
R. L. Jepson, for moving supplies and furniture to Center School	5 00
	$ 538 00

SUPPLIES FOR ALL SCHOOLS

Kenney Bros. & Wolkins	$ 60
J. L. Hammett Co.	34 81
E. E. Babb & Co., for books	101 34
McAuliffe Paper Co.	23 70
C. D. Kemp, for 1 case toilet paper	7 00
D. J. Morrissey	2 82
	$ 170 27

MISCELLANEOUS

Byam Printing Co., for 500 pay orders in book	$ 7 58
Bertha Estes, for auto hire to Arlington for spelling contestants	12 00
To District Secretary, for incidental expenses	1 37
	$ 20 95

SUPERINTENDENT'S SALARY

Frank E. Sawyer, for 13 months	$303 64
Frank E. Sawyer, for mileage and telephone calls when securing teachers	21 65
	$325 29

ADVANCED INSTRUCTION

City of North Adams, for high school tuition for 1 year 6 months for Alden Ballard, Marion Blood, Ralph Blood, Carrol Ebert, McKendree Whitney, Doris Sanford	$510 00
	$510 00

SCHOOL DIRECTORS

Archie L. Ross, for auto hire and attending board meeting	$ 21 95
Charles R. Brown, for labor and cash expended	4 30
Lucy B. Foster, for services as chairman; also auto hire, telephone calls, and labor	41 00
Nellie A. Jepson, for auto hire and labor	10 50
	$ 77 75

Final total of expenditures	$4,492 41
Deficit balance from preceding year	546 03
Final total	$5,038 44
Total funds for year	4,500 73
Deficit balance	$537 71

In accordance with Section 1196, of state laws:

There are 64 elementary pupils enrolled in the 3 schools.

The average cost of each pupil for the past year was $62.23

Of the many needs of the schools we will mention a few which seem most feasible for this year:—

In the Center School we recommend that running water be installed, both for drinking and toilet purposes. The heat in the north room is very inadequate at times. At the North School the interior woodwork should be painted a light color, so as to improve the lighting in the room. (As the state this year, will pay one-third on distinct improvements, let us take advantage of the offer.)

We urge that a Parent-Teacher Association be organized, so as to help make some of these essential improvements come to pass.

We would recommend that $5,000 is necessary to run the schools for the ensuing year.

LUCY B. FOSTER,
NELLIE A. JEPSON,
CHARLES R. BROWN, } School Directors

To the School Board and Citizens of the Town of Stamford:—

The following report is submitted for your considerate attention and timely co-operation. Items of special interest may be grouped under the following captions:

1. Daily school attendance on part of pupils.
2. Systematic visiting of the schools by parents.
3. Improvement of buildings.

The importance of regular daily attendance of the pupils cannot be over-emphasized. Absences are only justifiable on the basis of severe weather conditions and illness; any other trifling causes should be considered invalid excuses. It is urgent upon parents to assume all the responsibility to have their children attend regularly and punctually. Not only is the habit of regularity and punctuality of personal advantage to the pupil, but it is a decided factor in keeping the work of the whole school up to par and thus getting the best results from the investment of school monies.

The frequent visits of parents to the school confer benefits that are singularly helpful to both pupil and parent. The parents thus get in touch with the modern ways of learning under which their children are developing; this cannot fail to insure a better lasting family union. Then the presence of either parent in the schoolroom awakens a certain sympathy and appreciation between parent and teacher that is highly conducive to a better understanding of the pupil's problems and difficulties. As a consequence, the pupils take a greater interest in their studies because the tasks seem so much more worth while, which enables the teacher to render a correspondingly greater service to the children. At least three visits a year, one for each term, is a minimum recommendation, and the length of the visit should not be less than one-half of either the morning or afternoon session, so that the parent may witness two or more recitations in which the child is taking part.

The campaign for the standardization of Vermont schools is increasing in breadth and momentum. State Granges, Parent-Teacher Associations and other organizations, as well as private individuals, have put themselves on record to foster and push the movement by propaganda, by contributions of funds and by personal interest. The consensus of opinion is that the best people must be conserved for the farming industry and that in our own farming state the equalizing of rural education in the matter of teachers, buildings, etc., is an imperative part of such a scheme. For good parents are loth to settle where inferior educational conditions prevail.

The North School could be brought up to standard by making two changes, namely, installing a ventilating heater and two chemical toilets, and a simple redecoration of the interior. The lighting is already standard. The entire expense would not amount to more than $400.00, of which one-third would be paid by the State Department.

The Village School: For several years a plan has been afoot to secure a Standard Plate for this school. Miss Rose

Lucia, former State Supervisor of Rural Schools, submitted detailed directions for such an enterprise. The present Deputy Commissioner of Education, Mr. Kenneth J. Sheldon, is also an expert on standardization of schools and would be glad to come to assistance with plans at any time. The expense of standardization could be distributed over a period of two or three years, or even longer if necessary. My suggestion at this time would be to make at least one improvement in the Central School this coming spring or summer, namely, the installing of two flush toilets or chemical toilets and lavatories in the front corner sections of the cloak rooms. The expense involved would approximate about $500. The improvement of the play grounds with simple swings, teeters, etc., would be a more simple matter. The major expense connected with standardization would be that of changing of the lighting of the grammar room, but this enterprise might be left for consideration in the future.

The organization of a Parent-Teacher Association in Stamford would prove a valuable aid in promoting standardization, as such organizations have superior ways and means for raising funds. The School Board with town aid could help in the project. And moreover, by an act of the last legislature, one-third of all monies expended for standardizing a school, whether by the community or the town, is rebated to the town. In one rural school in my district the community paid for more than half of the improvements and the town the remaining amount; the state rebated to the town one-third of the money expended by all.

It has been proved that whenever a community unites with School Board and teachers in the project for improving schools, the school rooms take on more vigorous life and the community itself is in a more healthfully cheerful and enterprising state.

With grateful appreciation for the hearty co-operation of the school board and for the faith school patrons have evinced in my efforts, I am

Respectfully yours,
FRANK E. SAWYER,
Superintendent.

Auditor's Report

OUTSTANDING TOWN ORDERS, FEB, 1, 1926

Order No.			
39	A. J. Houghton, cemetery fund int. only, Feb. 1, 1908	$500 00	
25	F. Paradise, cemetery fund, int. only, May 19, 1917	350 00	
—	W. L. Sumner, cemetery fund, int. only, July 17, 1917	50 00	
72	J. W. Millard, cemetery fund, int. only, Jauuary 1, 1924	393 00	
65	Martha Reed, Jan. 30, 1921		$1,500 00
73	W. L. Sanford, Feb. 2, 1916		1,800 00
67	Trustees Houghton Fund, Jan. 31, 1921		34 00
3	Trustees Houghton Fund, Feb. 1, 1922		34 00
66	Trustees Houghton Fund, Feb. 1, 1923		34 00
81	Trustees Houghton Fund, Feb. 1, 1924		34 00
62	Trustees Houghton Fund, Feb. 1, 1925		34 00
125	Trustees Houghton Fund, Feb, 1, 1926		34 00
	Note North Adams Savings Bank, Nov. 2, 1916		3,900 00
			$7,404 00

OUTSTANDING HIGHWAY ORDERS

36	Geo. Sumner, Oct. 10, 1925	$6 60	
41	E. C. Leroy, Nov. 25, 1925	3 50	
			$10 10

TOWN OFFICERS' SALARIES

R. J. Sanford, moderator	$ 2 00	
Robert Francis, selectman	25 00	
F. A. Lesure, selectman	10 00	
R. L. Fields, selectman	10 00	
E. C. Leroy, assessor	40 00	
G. T. Canedy, assessor	20 00	
A. F. Jepson, assessor	17 00	
C. D. Houghton, auditor	5 00	
A. F. Jepson, auditor	3 00	
E. C. Leroy, auditor	3 00	
		$ 135 00

RECAPITULATION

ASSETS

Uncollected taxes	$ 898 42	
Cash on hand	715 58	
Due Magee lot	36 00	
Readsboro Ck.		
Tuition Lee children	68 00	
		$1,718 00

LIABILITIES

Outstanding town orders	$7,404 00	
Outstanding highway orders	10 10	
Officers' salaries	135 00	
		$7,549 10
Deducting assets		1,718 00
Indebtedness of Town, Feb. 1, 1926		$5,831 10

C. D. HOUGHTON,
A. F. JEPSON,
E. C. LEROY,
} Auditors.

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BIRTHS

Name of child: Cardinal, not named. Born June 8, 1925. Maiden name of mother, Frances Moon; father, Victor S. Cardinal.

Name of child: Foucher, not named. Born July 25, 1925. Name of mother, Adelina Courtemanche; father, Armand Foucher.

Name of child: Wendell Merton Jepson. Born May 30, 1925. Name of mother, Ella Cutler; father, Norris M. Jepson.

Name of child: Melvin William Lewis. Born June 30, 1925. Name of mother, Kathleen Russell; father, Murray F. Lewis.

Name of child: Eugene Herbert Sumner. Born January 5, 1926. Maiden name of mother, Alma P. Oakley; name of father, Eugene Hoyt Sumner.

MARRIAGES

Groom: John N. W. Leroy, June 25, 1925. Father's name, Emile C. Leroy; Mother's name, Mariane Gwahalen.

Bride: Margaret Eva Purcell, Father's name, Patrick F. Purcell; Mother's name, Catherine O'Connell.

DEATHS

Delia Chatalle, age 60 years, 26 days. Date of death, Sept. 11, 1925.

Rose A. Kesler, age 58 years. Date of death, February 6, 1925.

Augusta Lincoln, age 58 years, 2 months, 14 days. Date of death, November 11, 1925.

Celestia R. Lesure, age 60 years, 6 months, 27 days. Date of death, November 25, 1925.

Peter Verboom, age 50 years, 11 months. Date of death, April 11, 1925.

E. D. BISHOP, Town Clerk

Warning for Annual Town Meeting

The legal voters of the Town of Stamford, Vt., are hereby notified and warned to meet at the Town Hall in Stamford, Vt., at 1.30 o'clock P. M. on the first Tuesday, the second day of March, 1926, to act upon the following business:

To elect all necessary Town Officers.

To see what sum of money the Town will vote for the maintenance of schools for the ensuing year.

To see what the voters of the Town will do in regards to Bridges.

To see what the Town will do in regards to buying the Chemical Water Works.

To see what the Town will do in regards to paying John Bulger hospital bill of $174.50.

To see how much the Town will appropriate for improvements on the school buildings.

To see what the Town will do in regards to Eugene Sumner Road.

To see what sum of money the Town will vote for the maintenance of highways for the ensuing year.

To see what sum of money the Town will vote for the maintenance of the public library.

To see if the Town will vote a sum of money for the observance of Memorial Day and appoint a committee for same.

To see what sum of money the Town will vote to defray current expenses for the ensuing year.

To see if the Town will vote to place the taxes in Treasurer's hands for collection.

To see if the Town will vote to furnish bonds for the Town Officers.

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Treasurer to borrow money in anticipation of taxes to a sum not to exceed $5,000.

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the collection of the Poll taxes of the Town of Stamford before the usual time of collection of same, and if so set the time for the collection of same.

ROBERT L. FIELDS,
F. A. LESURE, } Selectmen
ROBERT FRANCIS,